BRO BIOGRAPHIES

Edward Gantt (?-by 1783), Fielder Gantt (?-1807). Sarah Smith, who married Joseph Hall (ca. 1701-?). Tabitha Smith (ca. 1690-1769), who married Thomas Sheredine (1699-1752), and probably Ann Gantt, who married John Brome (1703-1748). Her brothers were Thomas Gantt, Jr. (?-1808); John (1740-?); and Dr. Edward (1741-1837), who died in Kentucky. Her half brother was Erasmus Gantt (?-?). Her half sister was Sarah, who married in 1799 Osborn Sprigg (ca. 1741-1815). Her first cousins were Dr. Thomas Gantt (?-ca. 1802); Ann Gantt, who married Thomas Harwood III (by 1757-by 1805); and Upton Sheredine (1740-1800). CHILDREN. SON: Frederick Thomas (1770-?). DAUGHTER: Sarah (1772-1849), who married Samuel Harper, PRIVATE CAREER, EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in 1745 Dr. Brooke wrote to the president of His Majesty's Council, complaining that the lord proprietor unduly favored the Catholics in the province. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician; he was a well-known proponent of inoculation as a means of preventing smallpox. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 2nd, 1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend), 5th, 1775. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: prior to 1771 he made voyages to England for "the good of the country." In his will written in 1771 he requested that the General Assembly and Provincial Court become his trustees because the personal expenditures involved in these trips, as well as other family expenses, exceeded the value of his land. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 322 acres in Prince George's County (a dwelling plantation inherited from his father). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on July 13, 1783, in Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,476.0.5 current money (including 16 slaves, medical instruments, and medicines); FB, £1,386.1.0. LAND: 322 acres in Prince George's County, his dwelling plantation. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS he stated in his will that if all of his legatees died, his estate was to become a college endowment.

BROOKE, RICHARD (1736–1788). BORN: in 1736 in Prince George's County; third son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: at "Fair Hill," Frederick County (later became part of Montgomery County). FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: James Brooke (1705–1784). MOTHER: Deborah, eldest daughter of Richard Snowden and wife Eliza Coale (1692–ca. 1713). HALF AUNTS: Margaret

Snowden (1726-1793), who married John Contee (1722-ca. 1796); Anne Snowden, who married Henry Wright Crabb (1722/23-1764). BROTHERS: James (1730/31-1767), who married Hannah Janney; Roger (1734-1790), who married Mary Matthews; Basil (1738-1794), who married Elizabeth Hopkins; and Thomas (1744/45-1789). SISTER: Elizabeth (1740/41-?), who married Thomas Pleasants. FIRST COUSINS: Richard Bennett Carmichael (1753-1824): Richard Thomas (ca. 1728-1806); Evan Thomas (1738/39-1826); Elizabeth Brooke Carmichael, who married John Lambert Wilmer (1747-1799); and Elizabeth Beall, who married John Bracco (?-1794), MARRIED in 1758 Jane Lynn (?-1774). CHILDREN. SON: Roger (?-by 1791). DAUGHTER: Ann (1773-by 1816), who married ca. 1789 William Hammond Dorsey (1764-ca. 1819). PRIVATE CAREER, EDUCATION: literate, RE-LIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Quaker; the Brooke family had been Catholic, but Richard's father became a Protestant. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER, LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Frederick County, 1st, 1774, 2nd-3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1775; commissioner of tax, Montgomery County, 1777-at least 1779, 1782-at least 1785; purchasing agent, Montgomery County, commissioned 1779. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, Revolutionary War. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME, PER-SONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £628.16.6, including 13 slaves and 32 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 4,999 acres in Frederick and Montgomery counties (2,495 acres were a gift from his father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: received one-sixth of his father's real estate by bequest, 1784. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on June 11, 1788, in Montgomery County; buried at "Fair Hill," Frederick County. PERSONAL PROP-ERTY: TEV, £2,607.4.2 current money (including 21 slaves); FB, £1,789.7.4. LAND: 4,579 acres in Frederick and Montgomery counties.

BROOKE, ROBERT (1602–1655). BORN: in 1602 in London, England; third son. IMMIGRATED: in 1650 as a free adult with his wife and ten children. RESIDED: in Calvert County. FAMILY BACK-GROUND. FATHER: Thomas Brooke (1561–1612), who was a barrister at the Inner Temple, and who served as an M.P. for Whitchurch, England, from 1604 to 1611. MOTHER: Susan, daughter of Sir Thomas Foster, a judge of Common Pleas; sister of Sir Robert Foster, a justice of the King's Bench. BROTHERS: Thomas (1599–1665); Richard;